

**TERM:** FALL 2026  
**COURSE TITLE:** GERMAN 1  
**COURSE NUMBER:** GRMN 2101.01 CRN 41580  
**SECTION TIMES/DAYS:** 9:25 AM – 10:35 AM MWF  
**INSTRUCTOR:** DR. PAULINE EBERT

**COURSE DESCRIPTION/PRINCIPAL TOPICS:**

This course is intended for students who have not taken German before. Based on the communicative approach, the course emphasizes oral proficiency in basic German as well as reading and writing. Materials covered include an introduction to the nominative and accusative cases with their corresponding articles and pronouns, regular and irregular verbs in the present tense, the perfect tense, and word order as well as basic vocabulary and the development of cross-cultural awareness. We will thus cover six chapters of the text *Kontakte* (Chapters A, B, and 1 through 4). The main topics are entitled “Meeting Others” “Environments,” “Activities,” “Leisure,” “Talents,” and “Memories.” Other materials such as videos and online resources are also designed to help enhance linguistic competence and cultural understanding.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon completion of this elementary German language course, students will have

- acquired a basic knowledge of German grammar and vocabulary
- developed basic communicative skills in oral, aural, and written German
- gained a basic understanding of German culture

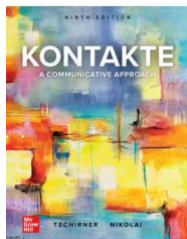
**PREREQUISITES/RECOMMENDED BACKGROUND:**

This class is for students with no prior knowledge of German.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Terrell, Tschirner, Nikolai, Genzmer. *Kontakte: A Communicative Approach*. 9<sup>th</sup> edition. New York, etc.: McGraw-Hill, 2021.

Terrell, Nikolai, Tschirner. *Connect Online Access for Kontakte*, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2021.



**COURSE WORK/EXPECTATIONS:**

Class participation is very important in this course. Students will be constantly interacting through communicative activities. There will be a written test and vocabulary quiz after each chapter plus a final. Completion of the *Kontakte* online workbook is expected, as well as participation in a skit.

**TERM:** FALL 2026  
**COURSE TITLE:** BUSINESS GERMAN  
**COURSE NUMBER:** GRMN 3716.01 CRN 41582  
**SECTION TIMES/DAYS:** 10:50 AM – 12:00 PM MWF  
**INSTRUCTOR:** DR. PAULINE EBERT

**COURSE DESCRIPTION/PRINCIPAL TOPICS:**

GRMN 3716 introduces students to the language of German business culture and gives insight into Germany's place in the Global economy. This course is conducted in German and designed for students who want to expand their German linguistic and communicative skills with business German competency. In preparation to pursue an international career in a German speaking country or to interact with German speaking business partners, students will learn how to handle formal and informal business-related communicative situations, workplace related interactions, learn about German business sectors and career paths, and engage in various real-world business experiences. Lectures, readings, workbook exercises, viewing films about German businesses, and class discussions will provide the source materials for this class.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

By the end of this course, students have

- used language of everyday business dealings in German-speaking countries
- have gained insights into the German business cultural practices and perspectives
- carried out work-related speech acts in a linguistically and interculturally appropriate way at a German company
- have acquired practical and theoretical insights into the career path of their desired sector as a real-world experience
- have improved their written and oral communication skills in the German professional context

**PREREQUISITES/RECOMMENDED BACKGROUND:**

Prerequisite: GRMN 3105 or by LMU Placement Exam

**Notes:**

This course is required for the Business German Certificate.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

- Franz Whage, Gudrun Clay, *Geschäftsdeutsch*. An Introduction to German Business Culture
- *DaF im Unternehmen B1*. Kurs und Übungsbuch.
- Joachim Schote, Petra Schappert, et al., *B1 - Erfolgreich in Alltag und Beruf*.



**COURSE WORK/EXPECTATIONS:**

Students are expected to read relevant texts in German, complete assignments, participate in all forms of class activities in German and engage in various real-world business experiences. Readings, short presentations, listening and writing workbook exercises, vocabulary quizzes, tests, preparing application material, conducting mock interviews are important components of this class.